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**FIELD TRIPS: AUGUST 6 — SEPTEMBER 3**

**Saturday, August 6**, to Bodega Bay, Sonoma County, for migrating shorebirds. Meet at the entrance to Doran Park, Bodega Bay, at **8:15 a.m.** Leader: Carlyle Sather.

**Saturday, August 27**, Monterey boat trip. Departure time is **9 a.m.** from Sam's Wharf in Monterey. This boat trip will be at the time of heavy migration of pelagic birds that travel on a route fairly close to the Monterey area. Black-footed albatross, sooty and pink-footed shearwaters, fork-tailed, black and ashy petrels, terns and jaegers can be seen. Fare \$5.00 per person.

**Deadline for reservations: August 12.** Make check payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society and mail to Mrs. Valeria G. DaCosta, 2090 Pacific Ave., San Francisco, Cal. 94109 with a **stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed.** Leaders: Guy McCaskie and Rich Stallcup.

**Saturday, September 3**, to Rodeo Lagoon in Marin County for fall migration of water birds. Last year at this time great numbers of shearwaters were seen in the late afternoon so plan to stay as long as possible. Elegant terns and jaegers may also be observed. Meet at **10 a.m.** in the parking area just beyond (west of) the Fort Cronkhite tunnel. Leaders: Laurence Curl, 526-7004, and Valeria DaCosta, 931-5257.

Plan now for the October 1st Monterey pelagic trip. Fare \$5.00 per person. Make check payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society and mail it to Mrs. Valeria G. DaCosta, 2090 Pacific Ave., San Francisco 94109 with a stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed. Deadline for reservations:

**September 15.** Leaders to be announced. — MRS. VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Field Trips Chairman.*

There will be no Golden Gate Audubon meeting in August. The next regular meeting will be in September.

**THE GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON NATURE TRAINING PROGRAM**

The Golden Gate Audubon Society Nature Training Program has just completed its second year of operation at the Berkeley Aquatic Park. The Berkeley Recreation Department, as co-sponsor, provides housing, maintenance, and utilities. The Rosenberg Foundation, which has financed the program for the past year and a half, has agreed to do so for one year more, after which other sources of permanent financing must be found.

The program grew out of the primary concern of the Audubon Society for nature education. The National Audubon Conservation Center in Berkeley was particularly cognizant of the increased need for trained leadership, and was in a position to assist greatly in developing the program, enlisting interest in it, and lending materials. Mrs. Janet Nickelsburg, Golden Gate Education Chairman, provided expert consultation based on her wide experience in this field, and advice and assistance were also provided by other members of the very well-qualified Advisory Committee. At the time a building became available at the Aquatic Park, it was particularly fortuitous that Miss Phyllis Lindley had just completed work for her Master's Degree in Wildlife Conservation at the University of California at Berkeley, and agreed to direct and conduct the program. Her experience as naturalist for Audubon Camp of the West and for the Sierra Club provided excellent background.

Course content is geared to the needs of each group, but basically the "discovery" method of learning about natural processes and living things is taught. This makes possible much more productive use of the excellent resource materials which are available.

In the past year, eighteen series of courses were given. These included four 8-session courses for elementary school teachers. The 48 teachers who participated came from Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, and Mt. Diablo School Districts, and received one unit of professional credit for the course. Six 4-session courses were given to 67 youth group leaders, including Camp Fire, Boy and Girl Scouts, recreation and playground personnel, and church and other groups from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Three sessions were offered to parents, and 31 participated. There were two courses for day camp leaders, and one for all the counsellors at the Berkeley City Camps. Students from California State College at Hayward, and naturalists from the Regional Parks' Naturalist staff also attended. The program became affiliated with the Berkeley Adult Schools, and received income from that source as well as from participation fees.

The program was designed to provide nature education to the largest possible number of children through the training of adult leaders. When the total of 177 persons who took the training courses this past year is viewed in the light of the number of children who will be reached, the magnitude of this nature education program can be visualized. In addition, the program, being a community one, will reach children in school, in their homes, and in their leisure-time activities, and can thus provide several exposures. These concepts were of particular importance in enlisting the support of the Rosenberg Foundation.

The program was described in testimony prepared for recent hearings of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Natural Resources, which was considering the establishment of a conservation education program in the State Department of Education. Copies of this testimony may be obtained at the National Audubon Conservation Resource Center on Bancroft Way in Berkeley.

Golden Gate Audubon Society is making a unique contribution to the appreciation and enjoyment of the natural world and to its conservation through this program, which will be resumed next fall when Phyllis Lindley returns from her summer duties as instructor at the Audubon Camp of the West. She will need a limited amount of clerical help, for which a volunteer who can do simple typing is needed. — BERTHA S. UNDERHILL, *President*.



### **AUDUBON CANYON RANCH, BOLINAS LAGOON**

**Under joint sponsorship of Golden Gate and Marin  
Audubon Societies to protect a major rookery of  
Common Egrets and Great Blue Herons.**

Because of the summer fire hazard, Audubon Canyon Ranch was closed to the public on July 4. It will be open again after the start of the rainy season.

Proceeds from Marin Audubon's barbecue in June — an unexpectedly large total of \$628.27 — have now been turned over to the maintenance and development fund for Canyon Ranch. Next **November 16** members of Golden Gate Audubon will have the opportunity of contributing to this fund when Olin Pettingill, Jr. shows us one of his films in a special benefit performance in San Francisco. Time, place and price will be announced later.

The Ross Valley 4H Club has done it again — collected enough blue chip stamps to purchase a second acre.

Contributions to Audubon Canyon Ranch, Inc., either for land purchase or for the maintenance/development fund should be sent to P.O. Box 2113, San Francisco. Both are needed.

### **SPEAKERS' COMMITTEE NEEDED**

Garden clubs in the Bay Area have been asking Golden Gate Audubon Society for speakers on the topics of Conservation, Bay Area Birds, and Attracting Birds to the Garden. We are fortunate to have Paul Covell as our speaker, but he would like other members to participate because he has more requests than he can fill. We need a speakers' committee composed of several members who would be available to talk to garden clubs and other groups on week days. Bird houses, feeders, and other display materials may be borrowed from the National Audubon Conservation Resource Center in Berkeley. If you could serve on a speakers' committee, please notify our Golden Gate President, Bertha Underhill, 35 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley 94708 (Phone: 848-0131). Please help us win friends at garden club meetings.



### AUDUBON CONVENTION REMINDERS

Many Audubon members and friends have already registered for the National Audubon Convention to be held in Sacramento from **November 11 to 16**. William N. Goodall, our Western Representative and Convention Manager has planned two days of reports and discussions and two days of field trips and special events. Dr. Roger Tory Peterson will present an original wildlife film lecture at the Convention banquet. State, national and international authorities will discuss crucial conservation problems. The program highlights and field trips are outlined in *Audubon Magazine*. Mrs. Roberta Long is Golden Gate Audubon Society's liaison officer for the Convention. To register and receive full information about accommodations, send \$5.00 to Mrs. Duryea Morton, Audubon Convention, 613 River-ville Rd., Greenwich, Conn. 06830.

The Sacramento Audubon Society has planned four post-convention tours. The longest trip will be a four-island tour of Hawaii, **November 16-23**, including the nene goose area, the rain forest and canyons of Kauai, craters of Maui, and orchids of Hawaii. The \$498 price will cover air fares, bus and lodgings. For more information write to Sacramento Audubon Society, 7248 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, Calif.

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs will also conduct a four-island tour of Hawaii to visit many places of special interest to naturalists, such as the fern jungle, the Thurston Lava Tube, Bird Park nature trail, Haleakala and its silversword plants, and the nene goose propagation center. The F.W.O.C. tour will leave San Francisco **August 27** and return September 10. The F.W.O.C. Convention will be held on Kauai September 3 and 4. Tour price: \$495, plus \$15 convention registration. For details write to Fern Hall, 540 Leavenworth St., San Francisco 94109.

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Through the years successive membership chairmen have fulfilled the extremely detailed and time-consuming job of handling the membership records for Golden Gate Audubon Society. Finally the Board has recognized that we should not expect this big job to be done by volunteers. We have been very fortunate in finding Mrs. Zella Cushman to act as a paid part-time membership *secretary*, and we welcome her.

Aileen Pierson has agreed to serve as our membership *chairman* — in a promotional and public relations capacity. When she returns from her European vacation she will probably be calling on some of you to assist her as committee members. Any volunteers?

### YOSEMITE FIELD TRIP REPORT

Golden Gate Audubon's field trip to Yosemite National Park on June 4 and 5 recorded a total of 63 species, according to A. Laurence Curl and Marie L. Mans. Active nests of six species were observed: mountain quail, western wood pewee, robin, solitary vireo, black-headed grosbeak, and Oregon junco. A dipper was feeding fledglings. The more unusual birds

sighted were blue grouse, pileated woodpecker, Williamson's sapsucker, and pine grosbeak. The great gray owl was seen after dusk by one party that camped at the Bridalveil Campground.

### OBSERVATIONS

June 13 — A male western tanager appeared again in Dr. Anne Watkins' garden in Oakland. (She saw a pair of tanagers there June 5.)

June 20 — An immature male western tanager visited Myra Browne's hummingbird feeder in San Leandro.

June 21 — Myra Browne and Phyllis Zweigart were able to show an Australian visitor three species of goldfinches in one binocular view in the Tilden Park Botanic Garden, Berkeley (American, lesser, and Lawrence's). The three species were still there on June 23.

June 23 — A pair of hooded orioles drank from Myra Browne's hummingbird feeder in San Leandro.

June 24 — A dipper was observed by Myra Browne and Ida Logan in Samuel Taylor State Park, Marin County.

June 25 — Val DaCosta reported a female hooded merganser in Rodeo Lagoon, Marin County.

June 26 — Gertrude Bialos found a blue-gray gnatcatcher in Lake Chabot's new regional park.

June 28 — Ten birders watched a Caspian tern fishing in Lake Chabot. Elsie Roemer spotted a hooded oriole not far from Alameda's Lincoln Park.

From the Oregon Audubon Society June bulletin, *The Audubon Warbler*: "Perhaps the most unusual and most interesting sighting this spring is that of a scissor-tailed flycatcher seen by fifty-two school teachers led by Jim Anderson on a field trip to the Cape Arago Lighthouse near Coos Bay in southern Oregon. It was seen in the late afternoon of May 7 and was watched and studied for some time. It was a bright adult and was unmistakable."

The Sacramento Audubon *Observer* reprinted an item from the *Honolulu Advertiser* indicating that the very rare Hawaiian Thrush was heard and observed on Oahu in February.

### NEW AUDUBON CHAPTER IN HAYWARD

The Golden Gate Audubon Society donated one hundred dollars to help start a new branch in the Hayward area: the Ohlone Chapter. It will attain full branch status at the end of one year if it has fulfilled all the requirements and increased the membership to fifty, of which not more than fifteen are already members of the National Audubon Society. Mrs. Gladys Conklin was elected president. (Ohlone is the name of the Indians who used to live in the area.)

### NATURE CONSERVANCY IN CALIFORNIA

Spindrift Point, near Muir Beach in Marin County, was recently given to Nature Conservancy by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borden. Spindrift Point

is a four-acre rugged bluff overlooking the ocean and has a cormorant rookery, native wildflowers, and rare lichens. Nature Conservancy now owns ten preserves in California, according to *The Nature Conservancy News*, Spring, 1966. The Northern California Chapter would like to acquire freshwater marshes in Sonoma and Napa Counties, or elsewhere.

### BOOKS AND CHECKLISTS

Mrs. Janet Nickelsburg, Golden Gate Audubon's Education Chairman and Editor of *The Cygnet*, is the author of a new book, *Field Trips — Ecology for Youth Leaders*, published this year by Burgess Publishing Company for \$2.75. Camp directors and teachers will find this book helpful.

*The Launching of a New Ark*, published in May, is a paperback edition of the First Report of the World Wildlife Fund edited by Peter Scott. It covers the years 1961-64 of the "International Foundation for Saving the World's Wildlife and Wild Places." The International President is H.R.H. The Prince of the Netherlands. The Prince's message in this report emphasizes the destructive power of man. Forests, coastlines, and marshes are being destroyed, "and with them the intricate web of interdependence of living things — of which for thousands of years man has himself been an integral part." The World Wildlife Fund is the new Noah's Ark built in a desperate bid to save the world's wildlife and wild places.

On a recent trip to Texas, Val and Bob DaCosta had two very helpful checklists:

*Checklist of the Birds of the Central Texas Coast* by Conger N. Hagar and *Checklist of the Birds of Texas* by Col. L. R. Wolfe.

Two other recommended lists are *Checklist of the Birds of the Upper Texas Coast* by Stephen G. Williams and *Checklist of the Birds of the Rio Grande Delta Region of Texas* by Irby Davis.

These publications may be purchased from the National Audubon Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 94704 (Phone 848-4042).

### NEW MEXICO'S CONSERVATION MUSEUM

May 18th was a memorable day for Val and Bob DaCosta when they happened upon the Ghost Ranch Museum in New Mexico while traveling on U.S. Highway 84. — "Little did we realize when we filed in line with the school children that the lecture on conservation would be one of the finest we had ever heard."

The Ghost Ranch Museum is an outstanding educational exposition featuring live southwestern animals and plants in addition to many conservation exhibits. It is on U.S. 84 sixty-five miles northwest of Santa Fe and seventeen miles northwest of Abiquiu, New Mexico. The founder is William H. Carr, who was also the founder and director of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson. In his Foreword to Bulletin No. 1 of the Ghost Ranch Museum, Mr. Carr wrote: "World tensions being what they are, there is greater need for mankind to observe the creations of nature than ever before."

The unique Beaver House has living beavers which may be seen in



their den and pool. Displays show the superior value of beaver dams on mountain watersheds (controlling soil erosion at the souree), as compared with huge, downstream, man-made dams.

The Museum was built to inform the people of their eountry’s vanishing wildlife, grass, water and soil, and the rehabilitation possibilities for the land in the future. There is no admission echarge and it has no tax support. The Museum is supported entirely by private eontributions and is maintained by the Charles Lathrop Paek Forestry Foundation.

A summer eourse will be given on “Paleontology and the History of Life in Northern New Mexieo” August 22-29. For further information, write to William G. Hassler, Director, Ghost Ranch Museum, Abiquiu, New Mexico 87510.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from *Berkeley*, Miss Aline Doherty, Mr. F. E. Forbes, Mrs. Richard Friedman, Mrs. Ralph Henkle, Mr. and Mrs. Luke T. Howe, Mrs. Gregory N. Kelly, Mrs. Carol Laton, Anna Marie Mikesell and Mr. Rodney D. Sharp; from *El Cerrito*, Mrs. Lars A. Pedersen, Mr. Mike Reynolds and Mr. Alan Steinbrugge; from *Hayward*, Mr. Arthur C. Smith; from *Hollister*, The Rev. Keppel W. Hill, from *Honolulu*, Dr. Louise Childs; from *Los Gatos*, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Pier; from *Oakland*, Mrs. Jennie Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Riehard Mignola, Mr. Gregory Grenfell, Miss Gloria Grayson and Sylvia Langford; from *Orinda*; Mrs. Roger S. Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Horaee B. Barlow; from *Pacific Grove*, Mr. Alan Baldridge; from *Piedmont*, Mrs. L. T. Hayes and Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Parsons; from *San Leandro*, Robin M. Engler; from *San Francisco*, Virginia Calderwood, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Curtis, Helen Inez Johnson, Dr. Dorothee Haken, Marie Kahl, Margaret E. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Proffitt, Miss Mary Uren, Mrs. Orlin Wallaee, Jr., Miss H. A. Yeazell; from *Walnut Creek*, Mr. Richard M. Sehutt and Miss Evanell Towne. — MRS. ZELLA CUSHMAN, *Membership Secretary*.

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In Memory of:	Gift of:
Daisy Miller Johnson .....	Riehard Johnson
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— DR. ALBERT BOLES, <i>Sanctuary &amp; Memorial Fund Chairman</i> .	

Rae Abrahamson made a gift to Audubon Canyon Ranch *in honor of* Patricia Sullivan’s birthday. Boy Seout Troop 326 of Oakland eontributed a gift to Canyon Ranch *in honor of* Dr. Albert Boles.

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